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## Car hits protester on city picket line

**STRIKE** A 52-year-old Canada Post worker is recovering from minor injuries after a car struck her on a picket line in Ottawa yesterday morning.

Paramedics say the incident happened just before 7 a.m. when a car allegedly rushed the picket line, injuring the female protester. The woman suffered injuries to her arm and hip. Police are investigating.

Canada Post administrative and technical workers across the country walked off the job Monday after rejecting a final offer from their employer late last week. **CTVOTTAWA.CA**

Campaign **Support for the arts**

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Supporters, some in colourful attire, arrived by the hundreds at city hall yesterday to attend the launch of a campaign to defend municipal festival and arts funding. From left are Bytown museum volunteer Allan Metzer, program co-ordinator Steve Dezort and volunteer Pat Marshall. **Story on page 3**

# A quieter, more polite Parliament?

**They called for change, but in the end they stuck with experience and optimism.**

Federal MPs yesterday re-elected Peter Milliken — the Liberal representative from Kingston and the Islands who has been Speaker of the House of Commons since 2001 — to the prestigious and demanding post.

It took five ballots for Milliken, who was challenged by seven other MPs including Ottawa's Royal Galipeau (Ottawa-Orleans) and Mauril Belanger (Ottawa-Vanier), to win back his job. Many of the challengers campaigned on promises of restoring order and civility to the Commons, the scene of rancorous, partisan exchanges in recent years.

The Commons convened yesterday for the first time since the Oct. 14 election. The government's throne speech will be read today.

In the new minority Parliament, the Conservatives hold 143 seats, the Liberals 77, the Bloc Québécois 49 and the New Democratic Party 37. There are two independent MPs — André Arthur (Portneuf-Jacques-Cartier) and Bill Casey (Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley).

In his thank you to colleagues yesterday, Milliken, 62, referred to the situation in the Commons.

"I hope that we can arrange to make the chamber more orderly, and I know that the new members will urge their noisier colleagues to tone things down so we can have a quieter, more productive chamber. That is our hope," he said to loud cheers and applause.

The eight MPs vying for the post bemoaned the decline in decorum.

"There is no other place that I can think of where people are routinely exposed to the kind of verbal abuse that takes place in this Parliament," Conservative MP Barry Devolin told colleagues as he made his pitch to replace Milliken.

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### Speaker perks

- The Speaker's position comes with several perks, including: An apartment on Parliament Hill, a house in Gatineau, a car and driver and a travel budget.

## Man killed, teen girl hurt in collisions


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**PEDESTRIANS** A 53-year-old man is dead and a teenage girl is injured following separate pedestrian-vehicle collisions yesterday in Gatineau and Ottawa.

In Gatineau, an SUV fatally hit a man as he was crossing at the intersection of Aylmer and Rivermead roads at 6 a.m. yesterday, said Const. Isabelle Poirier.

"When police officers arrived, witnesses told them that a male had crossed the street on a red light when he was hit," Poirier said.

The man died of his injuries in hospital. The road was closed for the morning for the investigation and reopened at 11:40 a.m.

The collision is under investigation, but police said there will likely "not be charges because the first information that we had was that the pedestrian crossed on a red light," Poirier said.

Police were still trying to contact the man's next of kin yesterday and were not releasing his name.

Later in the morning in Ottawa, a 16-year-old girl suffered serious head injuries after a car struck her at the intersection of Bronson and Primrose avenues in Centretown at about 8:20 a.m.

The girl was conscious when paramedics arrived and she was treated for a laceration to the head and a concussion.

She was taken to hospital in serious but stable condition.


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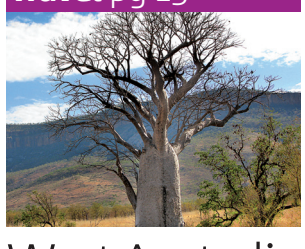

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# Ottawa

## Kettles get collecting

**The Salvation Army will launch its annual Christmas Kettle Campaign in Ottawa today at the Wal-Mart SuperCentre on Innes Road in Orleans, with a goal to collect $500,000. The annual campaign provides support to more than 5,000 local families.**
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# City culture campaign finds its feet

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**He's the artistic director for the Ottawa International Writers' Festival, but Sean Wilson says there's more at stake than his job as the city considers cutting festival, arts and culture funding.**

The city resident is thinking about his three-year-old son, Aiden, "who had an amazing time at the (Ottawa) Folk Festival, ran around at Bluesfest and was an usher at the Writers' Festival," said Wilson. "He came to his first festival when he was five days old. That's his sense of what Ottawa is."

Wilson was among hundreds of people, including representatives from dozens of festivals and groups, who attended a standing room-only media conference at Andrew Haydon Hall yesterday as part of a mounting campaign to fight proposed budget cuts to many of the programs they depend on. As part of 2009 budget deliberations, city staff proposed cutting festival funding completely and arts and heritage funding by 43 per cent.

**"It's not like putting money through the paper shredder ... Arts and culture are necessary to us as human beings."**
Ottawa Festivals president Julian Armour

"It's not like putting money through the paper shredder," said Julian Armour, president of Ottawa Festivals. "There's a great return to it. Arts and culture are necessary to us as human beings. We don't just eat and work and sleep. They make the city a worthwhile place to be."

Compared to other cities, Ottawa is on the bottom when it comes to funding, Armour said. Yet for every dollar that the city puts into festivals, the events are able to raise another $21. Festivals attract 2.8 million participants and generate $50 million a year for Ottawa.

"Many organizations will fold and many organizations will be cut drastically," said Christine Tremblay of Arts Ottawa East. "We are all consumers of the arts."

## News in brief

**OC TRANSPO** Transit supervisors and special constables will be voting to strike Tuesday after negotiations with the city broke off last week. A tentative agreement was reached between the union and city, but the deal was withdrawn Friday. **METRO OTTAWA**

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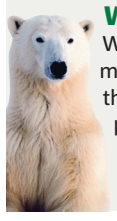

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# Safe end to second parcel scare

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For the second time in a week, a suspicious package found at a downtown government building turned out to pose no threat.

The package was later found to contain an "inert and non-toxic" substance that has been sent to a lab for analysis. Three people exposed to the substance were assessed and released, police said. The building was not evacuated.

Police, paramedics and the Ottawa Fire Services Hazmat Unit were called to the Department of Justice Canada Headquarters at 275 Sparks St. shortly after 11 a.m., after the package was found in the hallway of the building's second floor.

Last Thursday, at the Bank of Canada across the street, two packages left outside caused police to close parts of Wellington Street for several hours.

TRACEY TONG / METRO OTTAWA

**Members of the Ottawa Fire Services Hazmat Unit exit the Department of Justice Canada headquarters yesterday after investigating a suspicious package left in a hallway.**

# Frosty reception for wage freeze

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A proposal to freeze the wages of city employees was frozen out by councillors yesterday.

Last week, Barrhaven Coun. Jan Harder had suggested that Ottawa consider a wage freeze as a way to free up $30 million for the city's budget. But with union representatives looking on, the majority of financial committee members elected yesterday not to debate the motion.

Citing legal, financial and staffing ramifications, Innes Coun. Rainer Bloess said, "To deal with it here, you're flying by the seat of your pants and you're going to make decisions or say things that are going to come back to haunt you."

With only four councillors in favour of considering the motion yesterday, it will be deferred until January.

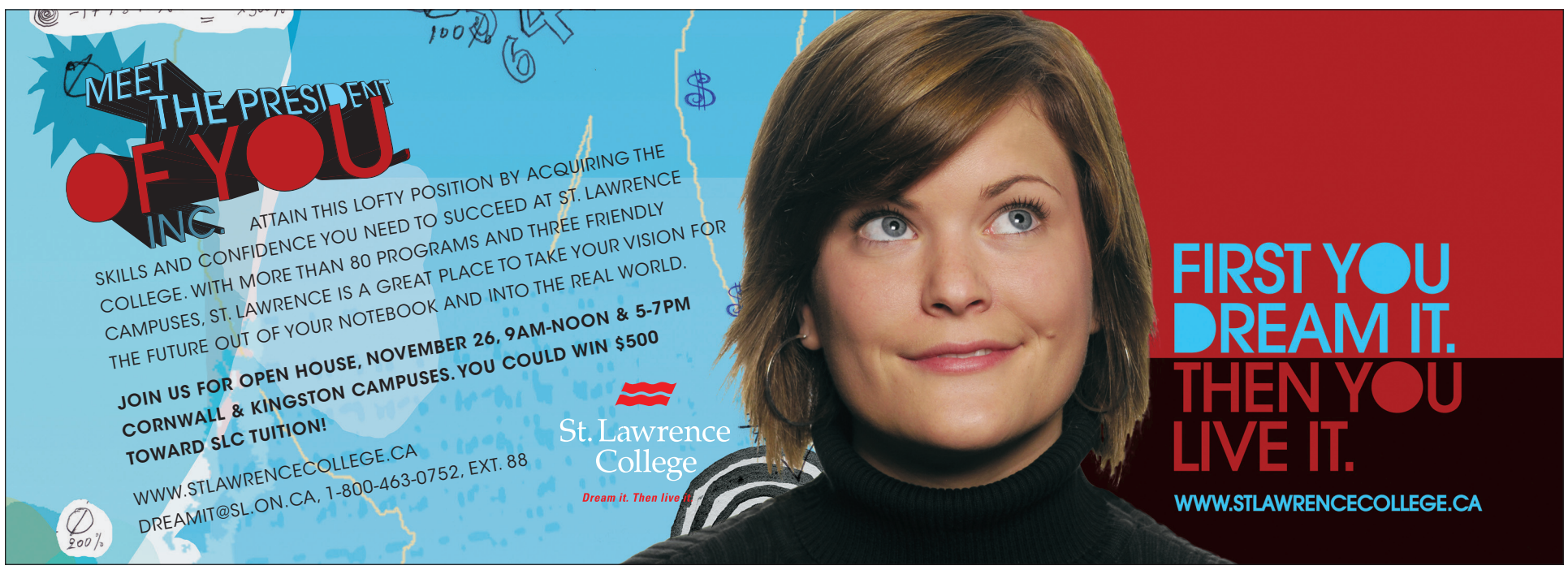
**"It's a silly process that ought not to have happened."**
Clarence Dungey

Union spokesperson Clarence Dungey said he was not surprised that the committee opted to avoid talk of a wage freeze.

"It's a silly process that ought not have happened," he said.

"What they are trying to do here is transfer mismanagement into another direction and drawing criticism away from mismanagement."

Council's problems, said Dungey, stem from the idea it would be able to get near zero increase budgets for years, while the rest of the country was raising taxes.



**Trial for murdered B.C. girl begins in China**
A trial began yesterday in China for the 18-year-old Chinese man accused of murdering B.C. model Diana O'Brien in Shanghai in July. China's official Xinhua news agency reported that the hearing for the accused, Chen Jun, lasted about two hours. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada

## Men plead guilty in horse deaths

**Two men who faced charges after the carcasses of nearly 30 horses were discovered at a farm near Andrew, Alta., each pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of allowing animals to be in distress. Axel Hinz-Schleuter and Dale Huber were originally charged with 12 of the distress counts under the Animal Protection Act, but the Crown withdrew the remaining 11 charges after guilty pleas were entered on the one count.** **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## News in brief

**DRIVERS** Ontario has introduced legislation which will make it illegal for drivers under 21 to have any alcohol in their system when they're behind the wheel and limit teen passengers to one.
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# Crash survivor amazes doctors

MARIA COOTAUCO
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**The lone survivor of a plane that went down on an island near Sechelt, B.C., on Sunday killing seven passengers is expected to make a full recovery within two to three weeks, his doctors said yesterday.**

"The long-term prognosis is very good," said Dr. Anthony Papp, director of the burn unit at Vancouver General Hospital. "Most likely, he's not going to need any surgery."

Thirty-six-year-old Tom Wilson of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta. was on his way to Powell River, B.C., to train Peter Kiewit Sons employees when the Pacific Coastal Air Grumman Goose plane he was riding crashed into a mountain on South Thormanby Island.

After the plane crashed, Wilson hiked for more than two hours to a beach, where he was rescued by Canadian Coast Guard volunteers — a feat that astounded his doctors.

"It's remarkable he hasn't suffered any serious internal injuries," said Dr. John Reid, Wilson's attending physician.

### hospital

- Tom Wilson's doctors say he is expected to remain in hospital for a few more days.

## Women **Ski jump in 2010?**

ANDY CLARK/REUTERS

Canadian ski jumper Zoya Lynch talks to reporters during a news conference in Vancouver yesterday. There is still enough time for women's ski jumping to make it into the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver even though a court has delayed hearing the challenge until April.

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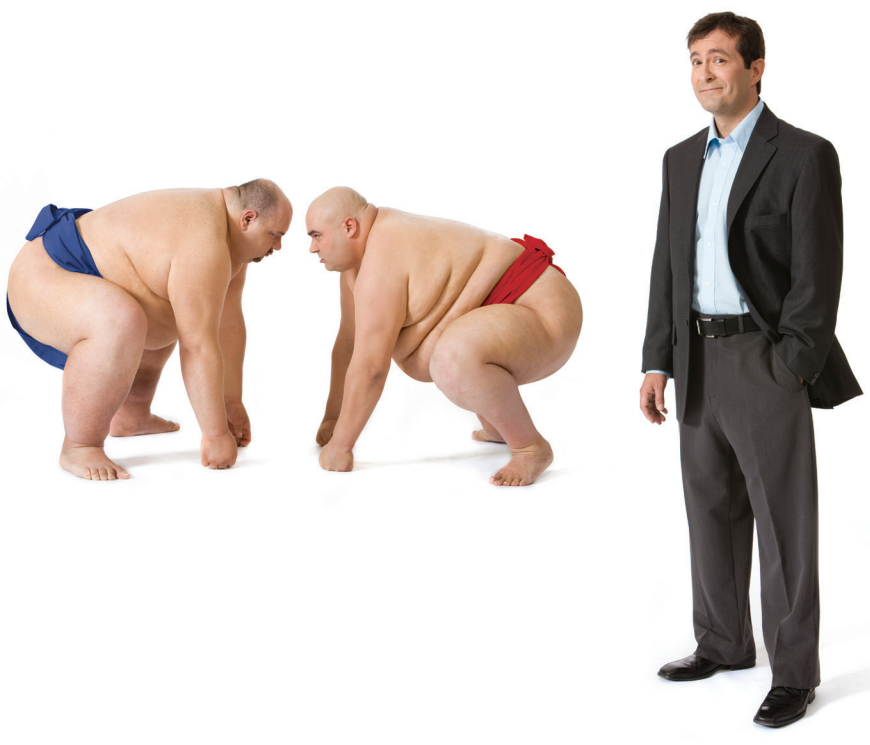

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**Obama names attorney general: Report**
President-elect Barack Obama has decided on Eric Holder, a former senior official in the Clinton administration, to be attorney general, Newsweek has reported. REUTERS

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# World

## Estonian spy's arrest sparks Cold War fears

**A spy dragged in from the cold. NATO secrets pipelined to Moscow. Warnings of "catastrophic damage" to Western security.**

News of the arrest of a senior Estonian defence ministry official on treason charges has set old alarm bells ringing, and revived Cold War fears of Russian penetration of the West's closely held secrets.

The accused official, Herman Simm, 61, has been under investigation for months, and was seized in September, after questions were raised about several lavish properties Simm had bought.

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### Accusations

- Herman Simm is accused of using a radio transmitter to send classified information to Russia, including NATO plans for Kosovo's independence, U.S. missile-defence details and notes about the war between Russia and Georgia.

## Russia **Dangerous world of Russian journalism**

SERGEI KARPUKHIN/REUTERS

Svetlana Kuryshkina, common-law wife of Mikhail Beketov, stands in front of his house in Khimki outside Moscow yesterday. Beketov lies in a coma in after a savage beating a week ago. He is close to becoming the latest reporter killed after daring to challenge the dangerous world where Russian politics and business overlap, supporters and family members said yesterday.

## Obama faces big battle with banks

President-elect Barack Obama and congressional Democrats face a tough test proving they want to fix the U.S. financial system after taking millions of dollars in campaign donations from banks and Wall Street.

Big decisions loom on reining in the securities markets, shoddy lending practices and regulatory failures behind the worst U.S. economic crisis in decades.

The coming fight raises questions about whether Washington is capable of overhauling an industry deeply insinuated into the halls of political power.

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## **News** in brief

**CHINA** Tibetans could push for independence from China if exile groups meeting this week in India decide that is their only option, the prime minister of the Tibetan government-in-exile said yesterday. Frustrated at the lack of progress in official talks with Beijing, hundreds of Tibetans are meeting in the northern Indian town of Dharamsala, the exiled Tibetans' headquarters, searching for a way forward.

**MIDEAST** Israel resealed border crossings with the Gaza Strip yesterday, blaming continued rocket fire at its towns, despite warnings from world aid groups of looming shortages of food and fuel in the coastal territory.

**DISEASE** A tick-borne infectious disease spreading in the United States and Europe has been identified for the first time in China, where it apparently passed from person to person, Chinese researchers said. The disease — human granulocytic anaplasmosis (HGA) — is marked by symptoms like fever, severe headache, muscle aches, chills and shaking.

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## Laws for senior drivers insufficient

In Step

Christine Williams

Politics and social issues

As Ontario prepares to implement tougher legislation on new drivers, one father in particular has been at the foreground of the campaign to convince the Ontario government to implement zero tolerance rules for drinking and speeding.

Tim Mulcahy began his fight in July after the death of his 20-year-old son Tyler, who crashed through a guardrail following an afternoon of drinking. Two other passengers were also killed, leaving Tyler's girlfriend the lone survivor. Mr. Mulcahy later learned that his son had a history of speeding tickets. He now argues that Tyler could have been alive today if his licence had been revoked.

Several Canadian provinces have been clamping down on teen drinking and driving. Manitoba and Nova Scotia have zero-tolerance policies, and Ontario's laws are said to be the strictest in the country.

**While age is not necessarily a sentence to throw away the car keys, inevitable changes do occur with hearing, vision, depth perception, flexibility and reaction time.**

While many would applaud a decision to impose tougher rules — given the numerous tragic outcomes when you blend youthful zeal, alcohol and vehicle speed — there is another growing deadly phenomenon that we need to confront: Cognitively declining seniors who keep on driving, even when they have become a danger on the road.

This hazard is too often ignored because of obvious sensitivities pertaining to independence and autonomy. To the credit of many seniors, they self-regulate their driving habits like avoiding rush-hour traffic, inclement weather conditions and driving at night.

These seniors recognize that while age is not necessarily a sentence to throw away the car keys, inevitable changes do occur with hearing, vision, depth perception, flexibility and reaction time.

But the toughest challenge is when mental functioning is too declined for the senior to even recognize a problem exists. Then it is up to family members and doctors to collaborate, a difficult task given relationships can be ruined in the process.

Overall, there is insufficient provincial legislation aimed at protecting vulnerable seniors and other drivers they share the road with. Mr. Mulcahy lobbied for government regulations before more tragedies could happen to families whose hands are tied. We also need to explore regulations for seniors.

While it has long been a celebrated tradition to point out the dangers of youth recklessness, seniors are setting a new benchmark when it comes to our roads.

In Ontario, the 80-plus age group is the fastest growing, while Canada-wide 70 per cent of driver's licence holders are 55 and older. That percentage is rapidly accelerating. The Canada Safety Council now warns that senior drivers have more collisions than any other age group — a time sensitive issue we need to address now.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

MICHAEL DE ADDER

## Word on the street: Are you cutting back this holiday season?

**Danuzia Pinheiro**
age 35, Ottawa

A: I just came to Canada and I'm trying to spend as little as possible. So for sure I'll be spending less than last year.

**Jaclyn Phung**
age 20, Ottawa

A: I'll definitely think twice about what I spend. Don't spend money that you don't have. I won't put much on credit.

**Etienne Dupont**
age 20, Ottawa

A: I've spoken to people who spend thousands of dollars at Christmas time, but my family is not the kind to do that. I might even spend less than I would ordinarily.

**Shannon Conway**
age 18, Toronto

A: Yes, because I don't have a job anymore and I can't afford my lifestyle of constantly spending.

**Alison Reid**
age 46, Halifax

A: No, I'm pretty minimal with my shopping anyway.

**Ash Sani**
age 27, Vancouver

A: No, not at all. It has not been that bad for the small business I work for — actually, it's been better financially for me this year.

metro life panel

### Metro Life Panel

Results from the Canadian Metro Life Panel (374 respondents):
Yes: 62.9%
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About the same: 53.3 %

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**Holyfield following in steps of George Foreman**
Boxer Evander Holyfield is returning to the ring at age 46 because he wants to become undisputed heavyweight champion again. Holyfield will fight seven-foot WBA champion Nikolai Valuev next month, aiming to become the oldest man to claim a world heavyweight title and the first to win it five times. METRO NEWS SERVICES



# Sports

## Pedroia beats out Morneau for MVP

**Boston's Dustin Pedroia won the American League MVP award yesterday, becoming the first second baseman to earn the honour in almost 50 years. Pedroia led the AL in hits, runs and doubles in helping the Red Sox win the AL wild-card berth. He batted .326 with 17 home runs and 83 RBIs and also stole 20 bases. B.C.'s Justin Morneau finished a distant second in the voting.** METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Jones ready for shot at Als

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Determined to win Sunday's Grey Cup game, naturally, are all the dudes who'll be participating in it. But I'm inclined to suggest there's a certain member of the Calgary Stampeders who is even hungrier and more obsessed about emerging victorious.

This would be Chris Jones, the Stamps' defensive co-ordinator.

Jones, you see, was irate that the Montreal Alouettes refused to hire him as their head coach before this season. He was livid that they rejected his application and instead selected Marc Trestman, an NFL coaching castoff who had virtually no CFL experience.

Jones had spent seven seasons as a Montreal assistant coach — five as the Als' defensive co-ordinator — and, understandably, he felt he deserved a shot.

Not that he ever went public with his fury. The University of Tennessee graduate is sharp enough to know how the political game is played in the CFL, and he realizes public criticisms usually get aspiring head coaches nowhere in the little league.

So he bit his lip, and likely will continue to do so in Montreal this week while the Stamps and Als prepare to meet for CFL supremacy.

Jones certainly has let his friends know his feelings, however, and several tell us his anti-Montreal sentiments haven't exactly dissipated.

"Chris wants revenge Sunday, no question about that," a source close to Jones told me.

"You won't be off-base if you said he's still bitter and wants to shove it down (the Als') damn throats."

Quietly under Jones, the Stamps' defence progressed from one of the CFL's worst units last season to the very best. No CFL team yielded fewer points and fewer touchdowns this season than Calgary.

"Chris is a great football coach and he deserves more credit than he seems to get," said B.C. head coach Wally Buono, whose Lions were held to no TDs (six field goals) by the Stamps' defence in last Sunday's Western final. "You could score a lot on Calgary in the past, but not this year."

Jones' first-hand knowledge of the Als' offence gives the Stamps a notable edge. As he said in July, before Calgary upset Montreal in the Als' only meaningful loss at home this season, "I know the things (Montreal quarterback) Anthony Calvillo doesn't feel comfortable seeing and we'll certainly try to exploit some of those if we can."

The Als lost that game 23-19, and I'm sensing a similar outcome this Sunday. I'll elaborate here later this week.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

## Decision coming for Sundin

**NHL** Mats Sundin appears to be aiming for a mid-December comeback, with 11 teams interested in his services.

"Mats is currently training daily with the intention to return," Sundin's agent, J.P. Barry said. The former Leaf captain is working out in Los Angeles, doing mostly strength and aerobic training. Barry says Sundin will likely start skating before the end of November, making a mid-December return "a reasonable guesstimate."

The teams believed to be interested in Sundin include the Vancouver Canucks (who offered him $20 million over two years in July), the Ottawa Senators, the New York Rangers, the Tampa Bay Lightning and the Philadelphia Flyers.

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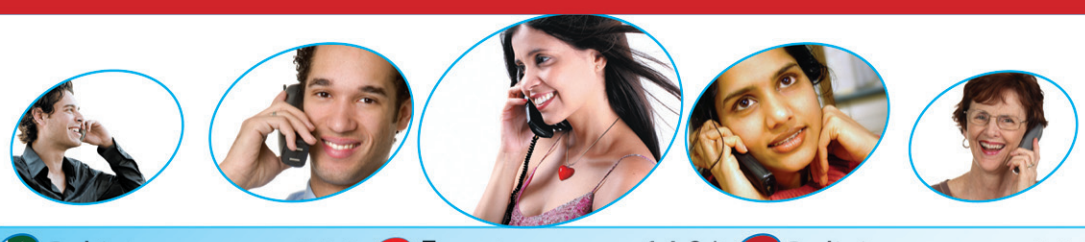

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**Boeing shares fall to 5-year low on earnings worries**
Boeing Co. shares tumbled 6.5 per cent to a nearly five-year low yesterday as analysts expressed concerns about the plane maker and defence contractor meeting profit estimates over the next two years. **REUTERS**

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## Green bailout acceptable: CAW

**Governments are within their right to set conditions on vehicle fuel efficiency as part of any multibillion-dollar support deal with the auto industry, says the head of the Canadian Auto Workers union.**

CAW president Ken Lewenza said such a "strategic investment" must be tied to Canada's long-term economic security. Increasingly, labour unions and trade associations have been tying that future to green-collar job creation.

"Do I think the government could put on restrictions? Yes. Any strategic investment decisions from government should have connections to jobs and connections to what consumers are looking for, and if that's a green strategy, then that's appropriate," he said.

Both federal and Ontario government officials are heading to Washington this week as U.S. legislators debate whether to grant another $25 billion US in loan guarantees to Detroit's big three — General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC. Federal Industry Minister Tony Clement has hinted Canada could play a role in the bailout.

The latest request for help follows $25 billion in loan guarantees that were granted in September on the condition that the money would be used to make more fuel-efficient vehicles. The auto giants are now asking for more money to pay bills and stave off bankruptcy.

But some industry critics say any further loan guarantees should be tied even closer to green-vehicle manufacturing, and that government needs to accelerate a transition away from fossil fuels.

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### Chance for Obama to make his mark

- The precarious situation Detroit finds itself in offers an opportunity, critics say, for U.S. president-elect Barack Obama to fulfill a campaign promise of putting one million U.S.-built plug-in hybrids on the road by 2015.

## Markets, oil cut Alberta surplus

**GOVERNMENT** Alberta's budget surplus is expected to be less than a quarter of the size that Canada's biggest oil-producing province estimated only three months ago, before global energy prices plunged.

In its second-quarter budget update for the fiscal year that ends March 31, 2009, the provincial government said yesterday it saw a surplus of $2 billion, down from an earlier $8.5-billion estimate.

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## Disgraced trader pleads guilty

**SCANDAL** A disgraced natural-gas trader at the centre of Bank of Montreal's $853-million commodity trading scandal has pleaded guilty to intentionally mismarking his trading book in a "criminal scheme" to pad his bonus, Manhattan's district attorney announced yesterday.

David Lee, a former star in BMO's Times Square office, entered his plea on Nov. 13. The felony is punishable by up to four years in prison.

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### In brief

**AUTO** Chrysler Financial Canada said yesterday it is closing offices across the country to cut costs amidst a plunge in North American vehicle sales, a move that will affect about 145 of its employees, or nearly half its workforce.

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## Economy Iceland awaits IMF loan

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Iceland's ambassador to Norway, Sigridur Dona Kristmundsdottir, left, and EU's ambassador to Iceland, Percy Westerlund, meet foreign media in Oslo yesterday. Iceland expects the International Monetary Fund to deliver on a proposed $2-billion US loan for the country in "days, not weeks," the country's Prime Minister Geir Haarde said. Iceland has been hit hard by the financial crisis.

## Credit-card options grow for banks

**CREDIT CARDS** Canada's competition watchdog has freed Canadian banks to offer both MasterCard and Visa credit cards, lifting decades-old restrictions that made the banks choose one brand or the other.

Canada's Competition Bureau has told financial institutions that it is no longer concerned about possible conflicts if they issue both cards as MasterCard and Visa are no longer owned by member banks.

Even so, it may take some time before these issuers make changes to their card lineups.

**"This is a fundamental change to the business model in Canada."**
Kevin Stanton

"This isn't just a flick of the switch for anybody," Kevin Stanton, president of MasterCard Canada, said in an interview.

"The banks have to work out what this means at a strategic level. They've been operating in a non-dual environment for 35 years now, so this is a fundamental change to the business model in Canada."

The top three card issuers in Canada are Visa-issuers CIBC and Royal Bank, and MasterCard-issuer Bank of Montreal.

MasterCard became a commercial organization several years ago, and went public in 2006. Visa became a public company earlier this year.

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**Mexican tycoon sets eyes on Circuit City**
Mexican retail tycoon Ricardo Salinas Pliego owns 28 per cent of Circuit City and could buy more of the troubled U.S. electronics chain, a Salinas spokesman said yesterday. REUTERS

# Auto execs plead for bailout

**U.S. auto executives warned Congress yesterday that their industry was teetering on the brink of disaster as they pleaded for a $25-billion aid package despite political opposition to another multibillion-dollar government bailout.**

The hearings come as government and business officials around the globe decide if, and how, they should commit billions of taxpayer dollars to bolster struggling automakers.

Rick Wagoner, the head of General Motors Corp., bluntly told the Senate Banking Committee why the executives were there.

"This is about much more than just Detroit," Wagoner said in his testimony. "It's about saving the U.S. economy from a catastrophic collapse."

Wagoner; Robert Nardelli, head of Chrysler LLC; Alan Mulally, CEO of Ford Motor Co.; and Ron Gettelfinger, head of the United Auto Workers union, all testified yesterday.

The reception from legislators was less cordial than what the well-paid executives are used to.

Senator Richard Shelby, an Alabama Republican and member of the committee, has called the automakers "failed models" and said they should file for bankruptcy.

Criticizing the bailout, Kentucky Republican Senator Jim Bunning said, "The proposal coming before the Senate tomorrow is not a serious one." REUTERS

## Clement calls for CAW co-operation

•The Canadian Auto Workers union needs to co-operate in any proposed government aid package for the struggling auto sector, Industry Minister Tony Clement said yesterday. "If we're in a situation where the Canadian government is coming to the table ... then I think it's in that spirit of co-operation that we would like the CAW at the table too," he said.

## Spain **Workers protest Nissan job cuts**

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Nissan workers protest against job cuts in Barcelona, Spain, yesterday. Japanese carmaker Nissan said it will cut thousands of jobs at its factory in Barcelona due to weak demand. The banner reads, "No to 1,680 job cuts at Nissan. Yes to a business plan."

# CTV to shed jobs amid financial woes

**MEDIA** Citing a big drop in advertising revenue and the financial woes of some of its biggest customers, Canada's largest television network CTV said it plans to cut jobs as part of a broader cost-cutting initiative.

In an internal memo sent to all CTV staff yesterday, Ivan Fecan, president and chief executive officer of parent company CTV-globemedia said: "The worldwide financial situation is causing sharp decreases in advertising spending and even the potential bankruptcy of some of our single biggest customers.

"We have concluded that it is no longer possible to maintain the current 'status quo' of our company's operations," Fecan said in the memo.

In addition to a freeze on hiring across the network and on travel and entertainment spending, Fecan said there will be "some layoffs," though details were not included in the memo. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Hall of fame to welcome RIM duo

**RECOGNITION** The duo behind one of Canada's most successful innovations since the zipper is to be inducted into the Order of the Business Hall of Fame.

President and chief executive officer Mike Lazaridis and co-chief executive officer Jim Balsillie of Research In Motion (the company behind the BlackBerry phone and e-mail device) are to be inducted along with Jack Lynn Cockwell, group chairman of Toronto's Brookfield Asset Management Inc.; Philippe and Nan-b de Gaspé Beaubien, the husband and wife duo behind Montreal's Telemedia Inc.; and Joseph Rotman, chairman of Roy-L Capital Corp. and of the Canada Council for the Arts.

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## In brief

**DIAMONDS** Top diamond producer De Beers expects to cut back output at its two new Canadian mines by 10 to 20 per cent because of a recent drop in demand, De Beers Canada chief executive Jim Gowans said yesterday.

**NORTEL** Even as losses and layoffs mount at Nortel Networks Corp. and analysts raise questions about the telecom equipment maker's future, its chief executive continues to believe the company can win market share and succeed. In an internal memo sent to employees yesterday, Mike Zafirovski urges employees to "have faith that we will succeed in the end."

**HOUSING** Pervasive recession fears and financial market upheaval hammered U.S. homebuilder sentiment to a record low in November, the National Association of Home Builders said yesterday, dealing a significant blow to an already flailing housing market.

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# Playing to the crowds

KIM MANNIX VERMETTE
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**Alain Bard is modest when he talks about his unusual talents, but he is never shy about his passion for performing.**

If you've been to one of Ottawa's many outdoor summer festivals, or are lucky enough to have a boss that believes in offbeat entertainment for corporate events, then you might've seen Bard — high up on stilts, expertly juggling clubs, or whipping fire in a thrilling and artistic display.

Bard is a multi-talented mini-cirque entertainer who first caught the bug for performing as a student at the University of Ottawa by participating in regular "juggling jams."

"Anyone can learn how to juggle or stilt walk. It's just a matter of how much time you want to put into it, because it's more of a practiced art," says Bard.

"You need some level of talent, but what you really need is an extraordinary talent to keep pushing yourself. That, and the kind of personality that makes you want to get out there to entertain people."

Bard and his fiancée Sophie Latreille, also a professional cirque performer and a founder of Ottawa's Fire Weavers troupe, are so committed to their art that they've set up an area of their house as a practice space.

"It's silly," he says. "We don't have lives. When you see people doing this kind of stuff, you don't realize how many hours of practice it takes."

In addition to devoting countless hours to his craft, Bard also has to be pretty crafty in order to keep it going. He designs and sews the bright and bold costumes he and Latreille wear while juggling or on stilts. And as for those tall and precarious-looking stilts, he makes them, too.

"I'm on 38-inch high super lightweight performance stilts. They weigh about six pounds for both of them. I can dance around in them and move quickly and do tricks that a lot of other people can't do that use drywall stilts, which are 25 pounds for the pair," he explains.

He says he does get a little tired of hearing "How's the weather up there?" when he's interacting with a crowd, but Bard is confident and in control on his stilts.

He says he has to be, because a bad fall from nine feet up can result in broken bones — or worse.

"It can be dangerous," he says, "but I actually practice having people push or trip me on gymnastic pads so that I learn how to fall safely."

Luckily for him, Bard has only had one fall in a crowd in his many years performing, and he was back on his stilts before anyone really noticed.

What people do notice is his bright costume and joyous demeanour when performing. That, he says, is infectious.

"It's universal in that it makes people happy," he says. "Putting a smile on people's faces is so satisfying."

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# 'Happy staff make happy TV, radio'

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Her typical workday begins with a brisk bike ride from her downtown home to the offices and studios of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation/Radio-Canada.

She heads straight to her "little studio-booth," where she begins working at something that's her true passion — bringing independent Canadian music to the people.

Amanda Putz, producer and host for CBC Radio 3 and a producer for Canada Live, has worked for CBC in Ottawa for four years, and she says she wasn't surprised to learn the CBC was recently listed amongst the top 25 employers in Ottawa.

"You can't make a great product if the people making it aren't happy, so that's a very big pillar here," Putz explains.

"Happy staff make happy TV, radio and Internet. We have a great benefits program, and work/life balance has really become another pillar of employment here."

The National Capital Region's Top Employers is an annual competition organized by the editors of Canada's Top 100 Employers. The 25 companies that are chosen represent a wide range of industries and professions in both the private and public sector, but are all seen as leaders in their field at offering exceptional places to work.

Putz says aside from the music, the best thing about her job is her co-workers.

Having worked in both Toronto and Vancouver, and having had the opportunity to pass through just about every other CBC centre as host of the former CBC Radio show Fuse, Putz says she has a special affection for the Ottawa office.

"We are the perfect size in terms of being big enough to be a player in production, but small enough that everyone knows each other and helps each other out," she says.

Patricia Vincent, a senior director in CBC Ottawa's human resources department, says she hears employees speak fondly of the diverse work environment, which employs not only journalists, but also technical operators, corporate and financial executives and administrative staff.

"People come to work for CBC because they love what it represents. They grew up watching it and listening to it and the like the role it plays in Canadian society," says Vincent.

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CBC Radio 3's Amanda Putz.

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# Police recruiters eye diversity

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The Ottawa Police Service's Outreach Recruitment Project is designed to recruit police officers from diverse backgrounds.

"We are actively trying to attract members from diverse backgrounds, communities, visible minorities, women and aboriginals to a policing career in order to better reflect the diverse community we serve," said Sgt. Ron Bos.

"(But) we are not excluding any applicants that meet our operational needs, no matter what their background or racial origin is," he added.

"We want to be the employer of choice for all."

The current recruitment projection is to hire between 70 to 80 officers per year for the next five years.

Sgt. Ron Bos

"We arrived at this number as a result of how many officers are projected to retire, and how many officers may quit to join other police services," Bos said.

"The qualities we specifically look for in a person are reflected by the essential competencies for police officers: Flexibility, relationship building, self-control, dealing with diversity and self-confidence.

"Also, maturity, life experience, education, languages spoken (and) cultural representation are taken into consideration," he added.

Bos supervises three recruiters at the moment and he hopes to add one more in the near future.

In Ontario, most police services, including the Ottawa Police Service, are licensed to the Constable Selection System (CSS), which pre-screens applicants. Once an applicant has been screened through the Applicant Testing Service, he or she can apply at any of the 40-plus police services in Ontario that are licensed to the CSS.

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# Automotive

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# Cutest of them all

**Never one to be afraid of being late to the party, Volkswagen has got wise to the current market trends and introduced its own small crossover SUV. The Tiguan is the result.**

Based on the same platform that underpins the Rabbit/GTI/Jetta triplets, the Tiguan is a compact five-seat station wagon on stilts that's tilted more towards the higher end of that product bracket.

Aimed squarely at the Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and Nissan Rogue, the Tiguan is arguably the best looking of the bunch, thanks to a combination of mini-Touareg and GTI styling cues. The Tig' is actually quite compact, looking smaller than a CR-V. Blacked out B and C pillars help sporty theme, while all models come with a small roof spoiler and front fog lights.

**Volkswagen claims the Tiguan provides "best-in-class comfort," and that's not just a tagline.**

Inside, the styling takes a turn away from previous efforts by using circular vents, knobs and other controls rather than the squared-off look in the Passat, Jetta and Touareg. Material use is class leading as well, with good ergonomics and useful cubbies.

Volkswagen claims the Tiguan provides "best-in-class comfort," and that's not just a tagline. The seats are multi-adjustable and supportive, while features like a panoramic sunroof and backup camera are luxurious options.

While the standard eight-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3 player is more than acceptable, the all-new optional 300-watt/eight-speaker system from DynAudio is fantastic. It also features a touch-screen and NAV system, along with Sirius satellite radio.

Look under the hood, and you'll spot Volkswagen's corporate 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder, albeit a 'second-generation' version whose tweaks will roll out through the rest of the lineup in due course.

Output remains 200 hp and 206 lb-ft of torque from 1,700 to 5,000 rpm, which puts Tiguan as the class leader for power. Fuel economy is decent as well: 11.6 L/100 km city and 8.3 L/100 km highway. That's within about a half-litre for the CR-V, although significantly behind the class-leading Rogue's 9.5/7.7.

Transmissions are six-speeds across the board; a manual is standard on the base front-wheel drive model, while the rest get Volkswagen's smooth manu-matic.

As you'd expect from a cute-ute as this, Haldex-based 4Motion all-wheel drive is available as an option on lower models and standard on higher trims.

While not as hard riding or sporty as a CR-V, the Volkswagen does hold its own quite well. The steering is accurate, although lacking in feel, and reactions under braking are quite predictable. The ute doesn't roll too much either, flowing along the twisting roads comfortably.

Safety ranks above average for the class, with ABS, stability control and tire-pressure monitoring on every model. Six airbags (front, front-side and full-length curtain) are standard as well, although Volkswagen makes you pay separately for rear-seat side airbags.

CARGUIDE STAFF

The Tiguan is a compact five-seat station wagon on stilts that's tilted more towards the higher end of that product bracket.

## 2009 VW Tiguan

**Type:** SUV
**Price:** $27,575
**Engine:** L4, DOHC, 2.0L, Turbo, Direct-injection
**HP:** 200

### Highlights

- Seats five
- Good ergonomics
- Many options, including manual transmission

Inside, the styling takes a turn away from previous efforts by using circular vents, knobs and other controls.

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# Gateway to an epic landscape

## The tiny town of Kununurra was home to the cast and crew of Australia

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The boab tree, left, is an iconic part of Western Australia's Kimberley region. An aerial view of El Questro Station, right, a million-acre cattle station that was the scene of the film's dramatic cattle mustering scenes.

**There's no cinema in Kununurra, a pin prick on the map in Western Australia's remote north west. Celluloid interludes in the sunbaked town are strictly the domain of the drive-inn picture theatre. The only red carpet is the region's famous pindan dust.**

But the celebrity count was high during the filming of Baz Luhrmann's Australia for five months last year. Locals grew accustomed to seeing Hugh Jackman and wife Deborah-Lee Furness at the supermarket, and Keith Urban at the gym. Urban and wife Nicole Kidman shed their bodyguards to wander the streets, lining up for coffee at the town's only breaky joint — the Boab Bookstore and Café — like everyone else.

While the action took place largely across Western Australia's vast east Kimberley region — all 121,189 square kilometres of it — sleeping and down time was spent in Kununurra, population 7,775, the regional hub gazetted just 60-odd years ago in the wake of the Ord River irrigation scheme.

So while the melons and mangoes ripened for another year on the fertile flats, several of Kununurra's well-heeled residents vacated their riverfront properties to supply homes away from home for Australia's A-list cast and crew. The main drag, Konkerberry Street, got a new Rodeo Drive ring to it, as its unassuming shopfronts became the favoured haunts for the Kidman-Urban-Jackman ilk seeking mementos of the place.

### Kununurra

- Kununurra is 3,214 kilometres from Perth, and 800 kilometres from Darwin. There are daily flights from both centres flying SkyWest airlines, *skywest.com.au*, and Air North, *airnorth.com.au*. Also visit *kununurratourism.com*.

It might look like a small aircraft hangar from the footpath, for example, but Kimberley Fine Diamonds stocks some of the world's rarest and most dizzyingly expensive diamonds from the nearby Argyle Diamond mine, including the coveted pink diamond. Proprietor Frauke Bolten-Boshammer is too discreet to say what her famous clients bought (rumour has it that Kidman had a diamond ring designed, but failed to collect it), but visits were long and numerous.

Bolten-Boshammer vacated her own Riverfarm Road house for director Luhrmann, who adopted it as his creative refuge. While the salt water crocodiles lurked a decorous distance from the backyard, he viewed the daily rushes each night. Come shoot's end, she gifted her famous tenant a diamond encrusted 18-carat gold pendant fashioned into the shape of a boab tree. Testament to the optimism radiating from the locals, she intended it as a good luck charm for the Oscars.

Luhrmann's parting gift to the town was a real boab tree, planted in the Celebrity Tree Park where around 150 notables are immortalised in bark and plaque on the banks of Lake Kununurra. He told townsfolk that boabs — gnarly, bulbous-trunked trees which can live for more than a thousand years — have a spirituality that spoke to him. The trees, endemic to Western Australia's Kimberley region, became central to the film's visual idiom.

Luhrmann's intention to make Australia a calling card of sorts — a filmic acknowledgement of an extraordinary locale — will doubtless inspire a flurry of pilgrimages to Kununurra and the wider region.

Along the sleepy 60-kilometre stretch of the impressive Ord River, for instance, finding a deserted fishing spot with an embarrassment of silver cobbler and exotic bird life is a cinch. The man-made Lake Argyle is so vast — more than 100 square kilometres — it contains its own archipelago and can generate waves up to two metres high.

Kununurra artist and gallery owner Nadeen Lovell knows the beauty well. And the extent to which the film and the town at its nerve centre will remain inextricably linked.

A regular with her easel at House Roof Hill, a much-painted scene close to where the film's fictional homestead was built at Carlton Hill Station, she was privy to a conversation with set designers about the vegetable patch they were establishing there to give the homestead authenticity. Lamenting their failure to make the vegetables grow fast enough, Lovell volunteered produce from her own garden to help things along.

The next morning at 5 a.m., crew arrived at her house with a truck and a shovel. They left with a load of fully grown greens destined for a film set more than 100 kilometres away.

Now, like many residents of the Kimberley, Lovell is awaiting the film with bated breath, but not just to see local landmarkslarge on the big screen.

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# Business travel expected to slow in 2009

**ECONOMY** It's not quite the death of the salesman, but growth in business travel will likely slow down significantly in 2009 as cash-strapped U.S. companies cut back on unnecessary trips by executives.

The trend has worrisome implications for U.S airlines, hotel and car-hire companies, as well as other industries that rely on the business traveller.

The National Business Travel Association (NBTA) remains reasonably optimistic, predicting that the number of business trips will continue to expand next year — but at a slower pace than the annual growth from 2004 through 2007.

"This year, we saw a slowdown in the growth of business travel. In 2009, we will see a continuation of that slowdown," said NBTA CEO Kevin Maguire. "In some companies, we are already seeing major cutbacks in travel, while other companies have higher travel budgets in place for 2009."

The NBTA said the tough economic conditions are forcing companies to change the way they think about business travel. One big change is that travelling on behalf of a company will no longer be seen as a perk, Maguire said in an interview.

"Business is business — do you send people on trips for purposes other than accomplishing business goals? Not any more," said Maguire.

"The economy is tough — bottom lines are very, very important and the perk issue is really not a factor any more," Maguire said.

The NBTA expects corporate bean counters to become even meaner in 2009.

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**3 Santa Cruz Trek, Peru:** It's a 4-day, 31-mile hike through meadows, turquoise lakes near the highest peaks outside the Himalayas.

**4 Kilimanjaro National Park, Tanzania:** Apart from the snow-capped cone of Mount Kilimanjaro, the various routes take you through gorges and past Africa's amazing wildlife.

**5 Tour de Mont Blanc, France/Italy/Switzerland:** The 106-mile trail near the highest peak in the Alps traverses three European borders.

**6 West Coast Trail, British Columbia:** A 75-mile coastal hike on Vancouver Island's pristine wilderness includes views of caves, cliffs, coves, beaches, shipwrecks and much more.

**7 Overland Track, Australia:** The 80-km Overland Track in Cradle Mountain and Lake St. Clair National Park in Tasmania is often considered Australia's best.

**8 Torres del Paine, Chile:** Torres del Paine National Park in the far south of Chile is home to two legendary trails: The Loop and the W.

**9 John Muir Trail, California:** Named after the founder of the Sierra Club, you will traverse Yosemite, Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. Photographer Ansel Adams would be jealous.

**10 Camino de Santiago, Spain:** Hiking this 460-mile pilgrimage footpath, a thousand year old tradition, leads to cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, the third holiest site in Christianity.

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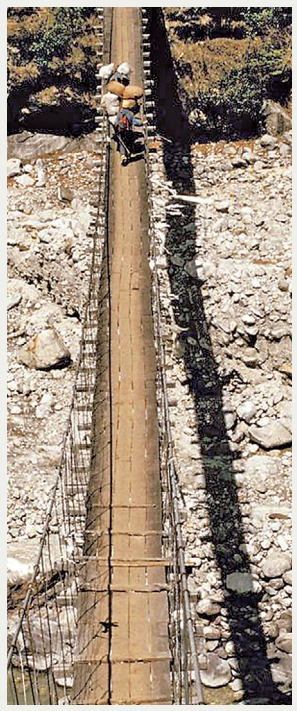

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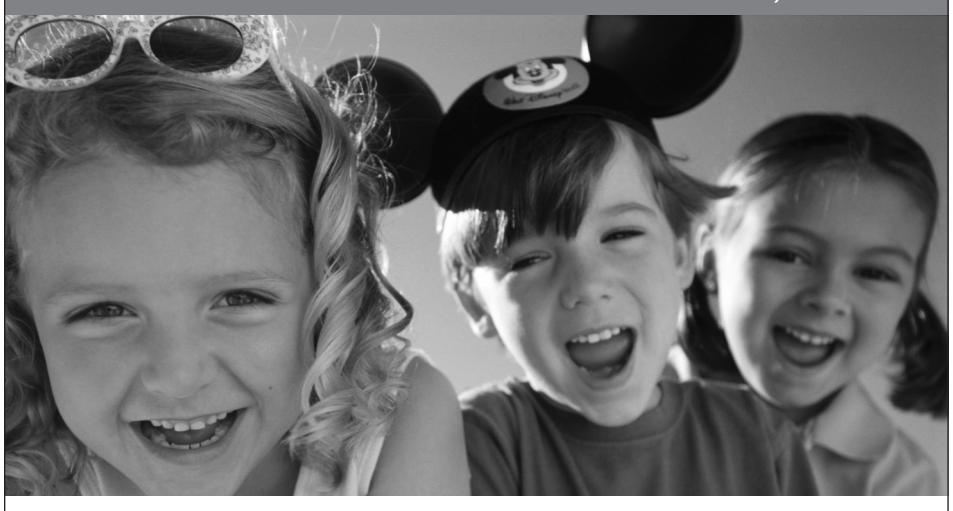

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# Digging up history in Harran

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JULIA DIMON

The grand mosque of Harran is the oldest mosque built in Southeastern Anatolia, a region in the east of Turkey.

Eyelashes caked with dust, I make my way through the storm like a lost desert dweller separated from her own archeological dig.

In Harran, a tiny town 50 kilometres away from Urfa in Southeastern Turkey, sand storms are as common as kebabs. Blowing in from neighbouring Syria, this thin blanket of dust adds to the mystery of Harran, famous for its historic and religious significance.

Existing as early as 2000 BC, Harran is said to be "one of the oldest continuously inhabited spots on earth." According to the Old Testament, Abraham lived here for a time and his father died here. They call Harran one of the birthplaces of the three monotheistic religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Today, a visit to Harran means touring the relics of Islamic antiquity. The ruins of the grand mosque, a castle and traditional beehive houses can all be seen here.

According to a rusty sign at the site, the grand mosque of Harran is the oldest mosque built in Anatolia and is a good example of Islamic architecture.

While it must have been highly impressive back then, time and war haven't been kind to this former mosque and learning institution. Walking around the ruins, straining to see through the snarling sand storm, I have to wonder: Thousands of years from now, will our own cities be left to crumble, buried under the dust of time for future tourists to find?

From the ruins of the grand mosque, I walk a few minutes to find Harran's famous beehives houses, traditionally constructed in conical, ant hill-esque shapes.

Dating back some 200 years, the houses were built with bricks gathered from the ruins of historical Harran. They accommodate the climate, providing habitants with "cool" in the summer and warmth in the winter.

Slurping on strong Turkish coffee, I catch up with a rowdy tour group of 50-plus Israelis. Their group has come to this holy land to learn about their biblical beginnings.

Ruti Millar, a tour guide that comes to this region five times a year, tells me "this area is special and exciting because it's the genesis of our history."

While Israelis aren't permitted to travel to Syria, Iraq or Iran, Turkey is quite welcoming. "The Turkish people are wonderful and very warm," she continues. "We've come here to meet them, see the sights and learn about different cultures."

This is what drew me to the region of Southeastern Anatolia. It was a chance to see a side of Turkey beyond the tourist traps of cosmopolitan Istanbul and the country's Mediterranean seaside resorts. A visit here delves into the ancient histories of the Middle East … under the veil of a good Syrian sandstorm.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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# Entertainment

## Connery tees off

**Sean Connery is delighted he will help open Donald Trump's $1.5-billion US golf course resort in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, because it will boost the country's image around the world.** IMDB.COM

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# Cyrus gets animated

**STEVE GOW**
for Metro Canada

**It's hard to believe that Miley Cyrus is only 15 years old. In just her short decade-and-a-half, the superstar has already had the hit TV sitcom Hannah Montana, a number one album and become so popular with teens, she's seen her face emblazoned on everything from jewelry to bedding and more.**

Miley Cyrus supplies the voice of Penny in the animated film Bolt.

"I was looking for hand sanitizer and someone whipped out my face on (a bottle of) hand sanitizer," said the young actress during a recent interview in Los Angeles. "That was weird."

If Cyrus' age is hard to distinguish by her extensive body of work and stunning success, it becomes slightly more evident when you meet her. After all, when discussing her new animated movie Bolt, Cyrus displays the enthusiasm of an excited teenager.

"It's kind of weird but it's fun," Cyrus said about her first foray into voiceover work. "You're making facial expressions as you say the lines so you're like, 'ok, are my facial expressions that I'm making right here going to match what really happens in the movie?'"

In the charming film, Cyrus supplies the voice of Penny, a young actress who must cope with the loss of her beloved pooch Bolt — voiced by John Travolta — after her pup/co-star accidentally gets shipped across America.

While Bolt journeys his way home to Hollywood, he picks up such traveling companions as Rhino, a high-strung rodent housed in a clear hamster ball.

"I wanted to (play him) so bad. I don't care that I'm a girl. I wanted to play the little boy hamster. He's so cute I want to squeeze him everytime I see him," says Cyrus. "I know there'll be a Rhino movie because all the kids are going to fall in love with him."

While moviegoers will have to wait until the film opens Friday to discover Rhino, Cyrus has already earned her own mass of worldwide admirers — and more impressively — the respect of her legendary co-star.

"She's an amazing young woman, very sophisticated," said Travolta about the teen sensation.

**MacGyver's the man**
TV hero MacGyver has topped Buffy The Vampire Slayer and 24's Jack Bauer in a new TV action heroes poll by TV Guide. IMDB.COM

# Recreating the '70s with music

IntelleVision

**MUSIQUE NON-STOP:** You know that ABC's Life on Mars has confounded its worst expectations when Variety runs a feature about the show's soundtrack.

Music plays as big a role in the ABC Americanization as it does in the BBC original, and you should expect nothing less from a show that, after all, takes its title from a song that was apparently a major part of original creator Ashley Pharoah's inspiration for the British series.

Scott Rosenberg, executive producer of the ABC version, was eager to discover why Pharoah had set the show in 1973.

"I really thought he was going to give me this incredibly hyper-intellectual answer about how 1973 was the moment when the '60s died and the '70s began, with Watergate and Vietnam," Rosenberg told Variety, "and he said, 'Honestly, because that's when the David Bowie song came out.'"

Another recent U.S. show set in the '70s — CBS' Swingtown — also relied on a tune-heavy soundtrack, but the choices were painfully obvious top-40 ditties that made the show feel like the Complete Idiot's Guide to the decade.

The British show made spectacular use of period songs, some of them more likely to resonate with British viewers (Slade's Gudbuy T'Jane, Status Quo's Good Thinking, any Roxy Music but Love Is the Drug) and a few pointedly obscure (Colosseum's I Can't Live Without You, copious amounts of Hawkwind and Atomic Rooster.)

Variety describes Rosenberg as a music snob "who'd rather turn viewers on to a slightly obscure track than fall back on a classic-rock hit."

To that end, lesser glam bands like the Sweet and Mott The Hoople are heard in the background, and when they're playing the Rolling Stones in a bar, it's Out of Time, not Jumping Jack Flash or (shudder) Wild Horses.

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Life on Mars executive producer Scott Rosenberg

ABC has even put up a streaming radio station on the show's website, featuring period hits, and while writing this it's featured the Beatles doing The Long and Winding Road and Almost Cut My Hair by Crosby, Stills & Nash, underlining what anyone who survived the decade already knows — that the '70s were, at least until 1976, little more than an extended hangover from the '60s.

(More accurately, you can simply say that the real '60s began at some point in mid-1965 and didn't really end until the Sex Pistols played their first gig at a London art college in the fall of 1975.)

All of which makes me eager to give the show the chance I was loathe to grant it during its troubled production history earlier this year — on DVD, of course, provided that ABC doesn't cheap out on music rights, pull a WKRP and replace all the music with studio musicians vamping on the riff from The Boys Are Back In Town.

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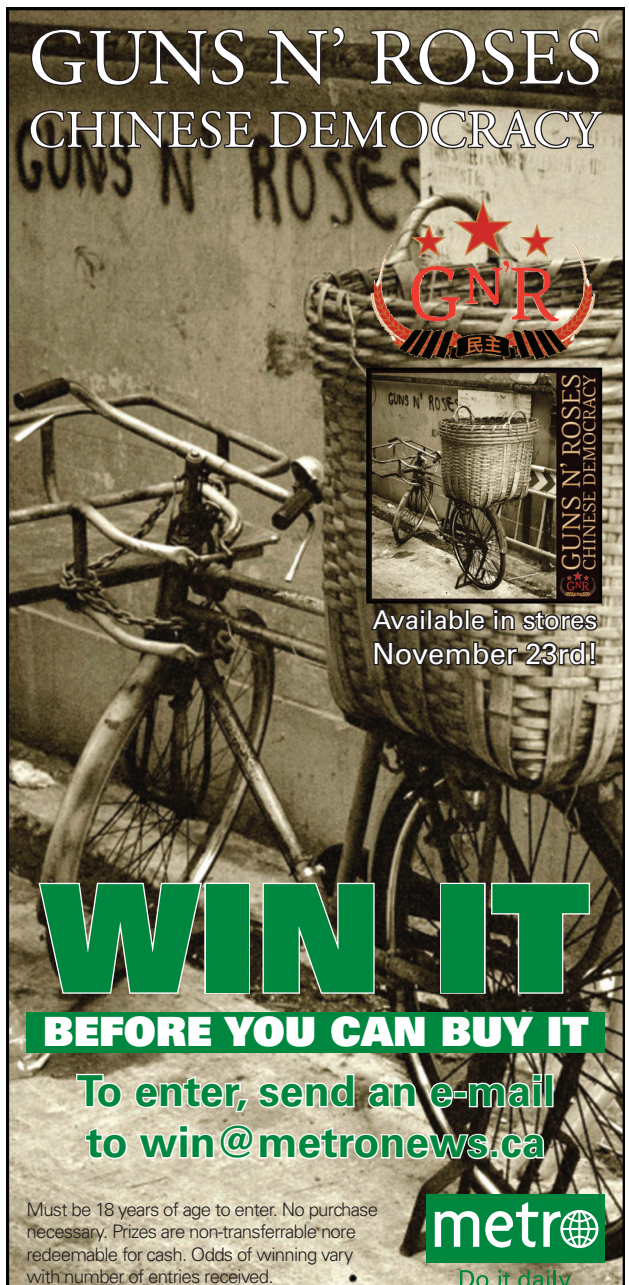


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| | - | 360 | 9 | NBC | Wheel-Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Knight Rider (HDTV) (N) | | Life "Badge Bunny" (N) | | Law & Order (HDTV) (N) | | News (N) |
| | 117 | 713 | 10 | TVA | Occupation | Poule-oeufs or | Destinées (HDTV) (N) (SC) | | Les Soeurs Elliot (N) (SC) | | TVA 22 heures | (10:45) Denis Lévesque | |
| | - | - | 11 | QS | Chemin du golf | Loft Story | *Panique sur le vol 285* (1996, Suspense) Casey Sander. (SC) | | | | Cent dix pour cent (SC) | | Loft Story |
| | 137 | 763 | 12 | TFO | Panorama | | Les Citadins du rebut global | | *Dolls* ★★★ (2002, Drame) Miho Kanno, Hidetoshi Nishijima. | | | | Enfants |
| | - | 362 | 13 | CBS | Dr. Phil (HDTV) (N) | | Old Christine | Gary Unmarr | Criminal Minds (N) | | CSI: NY (HDTV) (N) | | Two/Half Men |
| | 216 | 395 | 14 | OMN2 | Cold Case "Revenge" | | News (N) | | News (N) | | 2Half Men | King | Cold Case |
| | 214 | 344 | 15 | CITY | Law & Order: SVU | | Secret Life of American Teen | | Stylista (N) | | I Love Money | | News (N) |
| | 115 | 343 | 16 | CFMT | Two/Half Men | The Simpsons | News (N) | | Vivere II | News (N) | The Simpsons | King of the Hill | Metropia |
| | 218 | 345 | 18 | E! | The Insider (N) | E! News | Knight Rider (HDTV) (N) | | Johnny Depp: True Story | | Corey Feldman: THS | | News (N) |
| | - | 361 | 20 | ABC | News (N) | Entertainment | Pushing Daisies (N) | | Private Practice (N) | | (10:01) Dirty Sexy Money | | News (N) |
| | 512 | 396 | 24 | CPAC | La Période de questions | | Heure polit. | L'Heure politique | | | | Revue | Période-quest. |
| | 651 | 355 | 25 | CTS | Happy Days | Laverne | Michael Coren Show | | 100 Huntley Street | | Life Today | This Is Day | John Hagee |
| | - | 365 | 36 | FOX | TMZ (N) | Seinfeld | Bones (HDTV PA) (N) | | House "House's Head" | | News (N) | | News |
| | - | - | 64 | PBS | Business Rpt. | Whiz Quiz | Monarchy: The Royal Family at Work (HDTV) (N) (DVS) | | | | Windsors-Royal | | Tavis Smiley |
| | 205 | 312 | 104 | CTV | Hollywood | etalk | You Can Dance | | Criminal Minds (N) | | CSI: NY (HDTV) (N) | | News (N) |
| | 502 | 390 | 26 | NW | CBC News | Newman | The Hour | | CBC News: The National | | When Sharks Attack | | National |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | Campbell Brown: No Bias | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | |
| | 406 | 417 | 27 | net | Junior Hockey CHL -- Teams TBA. (Live) | | | | | | Sportsnet Connected (Live) | | Hockey Central |
| | 126 | 730 | 28 | RDI | 24 Heures en 60 minutes | | Grands reportages (SC) | | Le Téléjournal (SC) | | RDI en direct | Le National | Le Téléjournal |
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| | 411 | 457 | 56 | OLN | Ed's Up | Videos | The Amazing Race 13 | | Ed's Up | Adventures | Word Travels | Globe Guides | Pilot Guides |
| | 417 | 406 | 59 | SC | Pinks | Pass Time | Am. Thunder | Am. Thunder | Pinks | Pinks Outtakes | Wrecked | Wrecked | Pinks (HDTV) |
| | 554 | 544 | 48 | TEL | George-Jungle | Bugs Bunny & Tweety Show | | Wayside | Johnny Test | Futurama | The Critic | Robot Chicken | Daughter-Devil |
| | 557 | 540 | 51 | FAM | Wizards-Place | That's-Raven | Zack & Cody | Natural-Sadie | Han. Montana | Life Derek | Ned's School | Cory in House | Zack & Cody |
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| | 570 | 580 | 29 | MM | mmmtop | MusicProfile | Back In | Back In | Revival | Where You At | Fabulous Life Of... (N) | | Party of Five |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | CSI: Miami (HDTV) | | Dog the Bounty Hunter | | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Parking Wars | Parking Wars | Parking Wars |
| | 628 | 584 | 32 | SPKE | CSI: NY (HDTV) | | CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn. | | UFC Unleashed (N) | | The Ultimate Fighter (N) | | Ult. Fighter |
| | 521 | 560 | 34 | TLC | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate Plus 8 | | Jon & Kate | Jon & Kate | Kids by the Dozen | | Jon & Kate |
| | 145 | 761 | 35 | TV5 | Toute une histoire | | *Mariées mais pas trop* ★★ (2003) | | | La 25ème im | Partir | Facteur | Journal TV5 |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | Kink in Hair | Kink in Hair | Durham County | | Billable Hours | G-Spot | Starter Wife | | House |
| | 620 | 523 | 40 | BVO | Desperate Housewives | | Berkeley | Bravo!Videos | Wingfield | Letters: The Art of Courtship | | The Achievers | Law & Order |
| | 520 | 505 | 42 | DIS | Daily Planet (N) | | Cash Cab (N) | Destroyed | Monster Moves (N) | | Mayday "Fog of War" | | Daily Planet |
| | 575 | 583 | 43 | CMT | Dallas Cheerleaders | | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | Reba | Reba | Hope & Faith | Hope & Faith | Coyote Ugly |
| | 601 | 562 | 45 | SLC | End of Leash | ET Canada | Last 10 | Bulging Brides | Work Out | | Real Housewives of NYC | | Last 10 |
| | 625 | 548 | 46 | COM | Air Farce | Just for Laughs | | Corner Gas | The Simpsons | South Park | House Party | RENO 911! (N) | Daily Show |
| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | House-Payne | House-Payne | *Shrek* ★★★ (2001, Comedy) | | | Steve Harvey | Family Guy | Family Guy | Seinfeld |
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| | 627 | 528 | 50 | SPC | Lost "Dave" | | Star Trek: Deep Space Nine | | Battlestar Galactica | | Ghost Hunters International (N) | | Stargate SG-1 |
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| | 603 | 561 | 95 | FN | The Main | Chef at Home | Restaurant Makeover | | Iron Chef America | | Top Chef | | Restaurant |

## critics'corner

**Sophie**
The title of this new episode is "The Lost Weekend," but let's hope it doesn't bear any resemblance to the classic film of that name. Sophie (Natalie Brown) takes her mom (Mimi Kuzyk) on a spiritual retreat, leaving little Robbie in the care of Estelle (Sara Botsford) for the first time. Do wacky baby-sitting hijinks ensue? Well, this is a sitcom. 8:30 PM on 8 CBC

**Life**
Is it the handcuffs? When a drug dealer and an elementary-school teacher are found dead in a bad part of town, it looks like a typical drug deal gone bad. But the investigation takes a turn when Crews and Reese (Damian Lewis, Sarah Shahi) discover the dead teacher was a woman who exclusively dated cops — a "badge bunny." Could the killer be one of their own? Then Crews and Jennifer (Jennifer Siebel) address their complex relationship. 9 PM on 9 NBC

**Garner delights Affleck with gaming-suite plans**
Actress Jennifer Garner dealt her poker-playing husband Ben Affleck a winning hand when she surprised him with her plans to build a private gaming suite for him in their home. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

# Celebrity Buzz

## Madonna warns against marriage

**PEOPLE** Madonna has reportedly told pop star Britney Spears never to get married again, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, who recently announced she is divorcing Guy Ritchie after nearly eight years of marriage, has allegedly advised mother-of-two divorcee Spears not to walk down the aisle again.

"Britney asked Madonna if she will ever marry again after her split from Guy. Madonna not only said she wouldn't but told Britney to forget about marriage. She said it just doesn't work for girls like them," a source close to Madonna told gossip website AbsoluteNow.com.

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## Sutherland recalls painful jail time

**CRIME** Months after Kiefer Sutherland completed his seven-week jail sentence for DUI, the 24 star still shivers at the thought of what he endured, People.com reports.

"There's no smoking," Sutherland, 41, tells Men's Vogue in its December/January issue, which hits newsstands Tuesday. "The lights never go out, 24/7. You can't cover anything. You can't even put your head under a blanket. All the cells have cameras in them."

Although Sutherland has resumed smoking, the knowledge that he could go 48 days without his Camels is a comforting thought.

"My drinking was not a daily thing, so it wasn't an issue. And, oddly enough, neither was the smoking," he tells the magazine, adding, "I was very glad to know that I could quit. And one day soon I will."

One thing that didn't work out, he says, was the roommate situation. "I was told, you know, 'You'll have your own cell.' But I didn't for the first two or three weeks; I had a cell mate," he says. "He got out, but not for long. He came back in pretty quick."

24's new season begins Sunday.

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## Scarlett flattered by being Katy's muse

**PEOPLE** Some stars get fan mail. Scarlett Johansson got a platinum-certified single, People.com reports.

When told that her lips inspired Katy Perry to pen her hit I Kissed A Girl, Johansson, who recently married Ryan Reynolds, tells December's Allure, "That's flattering, but my lips are kind of taken."

In fact, until Perry's melody was pointed out to her, "I had no idea (about the song)," says Johansson, 24. "I should get a cut!"

Yet when the topic of how she met Reynolds, 32, comes up, Johansson cuts off the conversation.

"Nobody knows," she says. "It's private. It's our story."

And while she won't reveal the details of their past, Johansson does exhibit a carefree mindset toward the future.

"I always wanted to get married and have kids," she says. "I just never had any preconceived idea about what that would be like … My life seems to be happening naturally."

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## Kidman 'reeling' at leaving baby

**FAMILY** Nicole Kidman admitted she was "reeling" Tuesday at the Sydney premiere of her new epic Australia, but not from the cameras or crowds, People.com reports.

What had her so stressed? The actress and her husband, Keith Urban, had to leave four-month-old daughter Sunday Rose back home in Nashville, Tenn. — half a world away.

"I had to leave her for 24 hours," Kidman said. "I haven't done that yet and so I'm still reeling."

Still, the Oscar winner said missing the premiere was simply not an option.

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## Cohen crashes set of Medium

**ANTICS** Production on Patricia Arquette's hit TV drama Medium came to a halt recently when comic Sacha Baron Cohen invaded the set as his fashion reporter creation Bruno, imdb.com reports.

Filming was temporarily shut down as Baron Cohen, posing as an extra, was forcibly removed from the set after interrupting a tense courtroom scene.

"No one had a clue it was Sacha playing Bruno. It's amazing he was able to infiltrate the set and pull this off," an insider for the show tells ew.com.

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## Jolie not ready to retire yet

**CAREER** Angelina Jolie has backtracked on her decision to "fade away" from acting, insisting she's not ready to retire yet, imdb.com reports.

The Oscar winner recently suggested she was finished with films, and wanted to quit so she could spend more time with her six children and partner Brad Pitt.

Hinting her retirement was imminent, she said, "I don't plan to keep acting very long. I'm ready to do a few things now and fade away and get ready to be a grandma one day."

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## Washington still bitter?

**CONTROVERSY** Actor Isaiah Washington is still bitter about the way he was ousted from hit medical drama Grey's Anatomy because reports suggested he attended rehab sessions to conquer his alleged homophobia, imdb.com reports.

The star was fired from the show after an on-set altercation with Patrick Dempsey, in which he referred to gay castmate T.R. Knight as a fa—.

But Washington insists the whole incident was blown out of proportion, and suggestions he needed counselling for his comments are all wrong.

"The rehab thing was incorrect," he says. "There's no such thing as rehabilitation. I was given an opportunity to go to executive counselling so I would get away from the media. The world still thinks I taunted T.R. Knight and called him the F-word, which I didn't."

Washington left the show at the beginning of last year.

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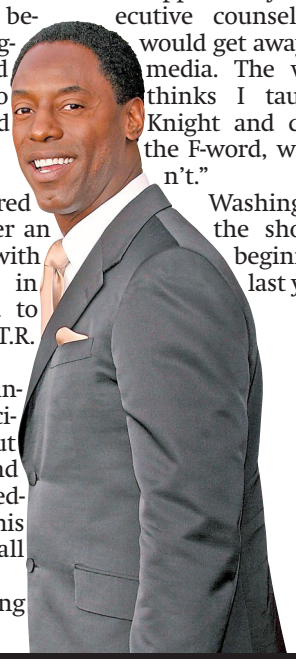

## Spears compares her life to prison

**PEOPLE** Britney Spears says her life is like being in prison, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer suffered a public breakdown earlier this year resulting in her father Jamie becoming co-conservator of her estate, but has recently wowed fans with her sleek new image after getting her personal life back on track. However, Spears has revealed she is not completely happy.

"There's no excitement, there's no passion. I have really good days, and then I have bad days," Spears said.

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## Photos of Hilton may upset beau

**RELATIONSHIPS** Paris Hilton may be in hot water with her rocker boyfriend Benji Madden after photos of her and former beau Stavros Niarchos flirting in a club were published, imdb.com reports.

The socialite was spotted getting friendly with her shipping-heir ex, whom she dated for more than a year before they split in 2006.

But Hilton seemed to be on good terms with Niarchos as they partied together in Miami hotspot Mokai nightclub over the weekend.

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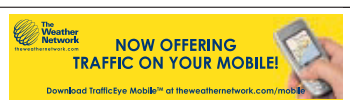




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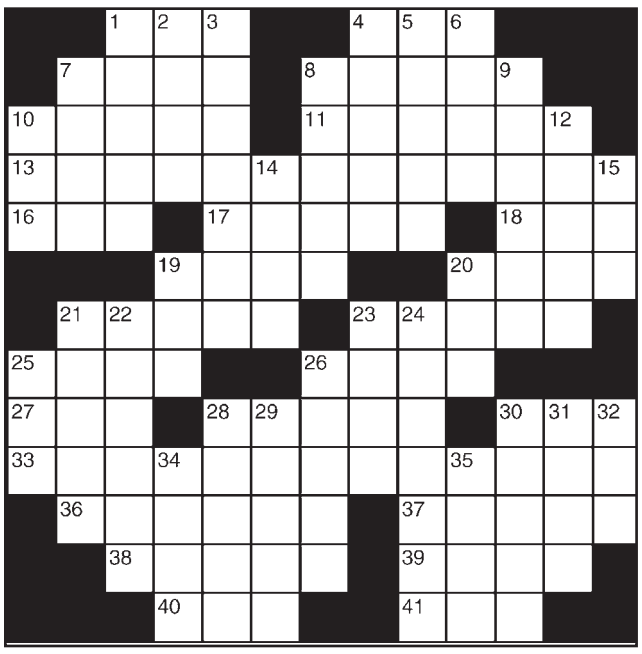
# Take Five



## Crossword across

1 Sandwich letters
4 Massage
7 Eins, zwei, —
8 Gives a hoot
10 Existence
11 Charlie's staff
13 2008 Greg Kinnear film
16 Shark part
17 Rough woolen fabric
18 Conk out
19 Coop group
20 Ballet leap
21 Expositions
23 Attention-getting light
25 "My bad"
26 Connect
27 Dandy
28 Cheech's partner
30 Eventual aves
33 Here today, gone tomorrow type
36 Arm holder
37 Pollster's find
38 Hamstrings
39 Green land
40 "Mayday!"
41 "CSI" evidence

## Crossword down

1 "Family Guy" dog
2 Photog's choice
3 More constricting
4 Gamut
5 Incited
6 Existed
7 Where heros are made?
8 Small restaurants
9 Pitcher's option
10 Closest pal, to a texter
12 Hotel accommodation
14 Possesses
15 Witness
19 That guy's
20 One of the Brady bunch
21 Puts one over on
22 Shock
23 Type selection
24 Illumi-nated
25 Vacationing
26 Singer Norah
28 Medical treatment, for short
29 Urticaria
30 Beethoven's "Fidelio," e.g.
31 Barn roof adornment
32 Moreover
34 Vast expanses
35 Ms. Brockovich

## Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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**PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:**

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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day

### Chinese Beef Stir-Fry

**INGREDIENTS:**
7 oz (200 g) lean beef steak
1 tsp (10 mL) cornflour
1 tsp (5 mL) five-spice powder
1 carrot, peeled
1 small leek, trimmed
6 spring onions, sliced diagonally
1/2 red pepper, seeded and cut into strips
3.5 oz (100 g) dried rice noodles
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) soy sauce
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) rice wine
1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) vegetable oil
1 large garlic clove, finely chopped
1/3 inch (2 cm) piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely chopped
1 red chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped

**METHOD:**
1. Cut meat across the grain into 2-inch (5-cm) wide pieces, then cut each piece into very thin strips. Place in a small bowl with cornflour and five-spice powder. Mix until meat is coated.
2. Cut carrot and leek into 2-inch (5-cm) lengths, then cut each piece into thin matchsticks. Put in a bowl along with spring onions and red pepper.
3. Soak noodles in a bowl of lightly salted boiling water for 3 minutes. Drain and refresh in cold water, then drain again. Combine soy sauce, rice wine and 1 1/2 tbsp (20 mL) of water in a small jug or bowl.
4. Place a wok or large frying pan over high heat. When hot, add 1 tbsp (15 mL) oil and, when it has just begun smoking, toss in meat and stir-fry for 2–3 minutes until cooked through. Remove with a slotted spoon. Add remaining oil with garlic, ginger and chili pepper. Stir-fry for 30 seconds, then add vegetables and toss around for another 30 seconds.
5. Stir in soy sauce mixture and, as soon as liquid is bubbling, mix in drained noodles then meat. Serve immediately, with soy sauce to sprinkle over the top.

**SERVES 2**

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## Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**
Be cautious but not fearful. Other people are on some weird kind of a tangent. Avoid making radical changes in your home.

**TAURUS**
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**
A depressing problem will soon be solved. Optimism is required to improve your circumstances. Avoid telling secrets to a stranger.

**GEMINI**
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**
A love life improvement is coming soon. Watch out for unpredictable drivers. Do not repeat an idiotic error.

**CANCER**
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**
A financial windfall is on the way. Rage blows over quickly when faced with silence. A man talks tough because he's compassionate.

**LEO**
**JULY 23-AUG 23**
You'll get a blessing in disguise. Difficulties arise in a damaged friendship. Carelessness in money matters provokes severe regret.

**VIRGO**
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**
Don't go looking for a fight. Use humour to deflect criticism. Mediocrity disappears when maturity kicks in.

**LIBRA**
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**
There's shocking news about a former partner. Tend to your chores in spite of a persistent daydream. Take notes when a friend introduces fresh ideas.

**SCORPIO**
**OCT 24-NOV 22**
Somebody's sharp tongue leaves you feeling miserable. Nervous tension is increasing again. Any act of kindness will be rewarded.

**SAGITTARIUS**
**NOV 23-DEC 21**
A joyful reunion is coming soon. A puzzling turn of events surprises you. A harmless person comes to your rescue.

**CAPRICORN**
**DEC 22-JAN 20**
Plans are thwarted by a gutless person. Refuse to be miserable about minor failures. Remove a guilty secret from your conscience.

**AQUARIUS**
**JAN 21-FEB 18**
Don't take any unnecessary risks. A pleasant surprise is due at any moment. Impediments will become stepping-stones.

**PISCES**
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**
Help a friend over a rough patch. Be scrupulous in clearing up obstacles. Make a phone call to reinforce an important relationship.

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